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'Wave of pink' crashes with cash

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FUNDRAISING Over 10,000 determined cancer fighters rumbled through the streets of downtown in a sea of pink yesterday morning, running in hope

for a cure. "It was cold, but amazing. A wave of pink people flooded through Chinatown," said champion CIBC Run for the Cure fundraiser Natalie Hughes. Hughes' team, Unified Alloys, raised the most out of any corporate team in

Edmonton, with a whopping grand total of over \$42,000. In thanks, the team of 30 got the CIBC Corporate Spirit Award.

"It was a huge accomplishment and I can't believe we did it," she said.

Of the people on Hughes' team, most have been

touched by breast cancer. "When you go through something like that, you don't really realize how many people are going through the same thing," Hughes said.

At first count yesterday, organizers totalled over \$1.4 million.

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Hunter was killed by bear

DEATH A Medical Examiner's report has concluded that a missing hunter who was found dead last week died as a result of a bear attack.

Family members reported 48-year-old Robert Wagner missing last week, after he didn't return home from a hunting trip.

The Didsbury man was found dead in a wooded area southwest of Sundre a few days after he disappeared.

Until the report was returned, it was not known whether the bear attacked Wagner before or after he died.

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Cops press to locate kidnapper

Girl found after 'nightmare'

ROB McLAUGHLIN and VICTORIA HANDSIDES

Police are determined to put behind bars a man who made a parent's worst nightmare come true yesterday by abducting a seven-year-old girl.

She was found in a town east of the city several hours later.

"We are going to pull out all the stops to find out who is responsible for this," said Police Chief Mike Boyd.

An Amber Alert was issued yesterday at around 11 a.m., after Anastasia Marie Whetton was abducted from a north-end playground. The girl and her two brothers were playing along a treeline on 132A Avenue and 33 Street, when a smaller blue SUV pulled up beside them. A man got out of the vehicle and asked the children if they'd like to get inside with him. The seven-year-old girl agreed and hopped in the SUV. The driver then sped away west along 132A Avenue.

"This was a mother and father's worst nightmare," Boyd said from police headquarters late yesterday afternoon. Shortly after 3 p.m. she was "dropped off"

at a business in Evansburg, about 100 kilometres west of Edmonton.

EPS spokesman Jeff Wuite said that the girl appeared to be unharmed when she was recovered by police, but that she'd undergo medical testing to determine whether or not she'd been assaulted.

Boyd credited the Amber Alert system with helping to locate the girl just hours after the abduction, but that the investigation is far from over.

"It is rare, this kind of stranger crime, and one case of this kind is too many," Boyd said.

The suspect is described as Caucasian, in his late twenties or early thirties, around six feet tall with receding blonde hair. It's believed he was wearing light blue jeans, a dark zip-up jacket and silver-rimmed eyeglasses. The suspect vehicle is described as a newer-model SUV, possible a Jeep or Tracker, with 179 in the last three digits of the licence plate.

Boyd said that though it's not known whether the abduction is connected to the murder of Edson teen Emily Stauffer, investigators are not ruling out the possibility.

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Edmonton Transit users are being asked for their feedback about the future of the city's light rail transit system. An online survey seeks riders' opinions on future LRT expansions and how the city should design LRT lines to make the service faster. Visit edmonton.econsultation.ca to complete the survey. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Third jersey unveiled today

The wait will be over tomorrow for fans of the Edmonton Oilers who are awaiting the unveiling of the team's new third jersey. The Oilers will make the announcement online exclusively at edmontonoilers.com at 10 a.m. The third jersey is rumoured to celebrate the team's glory years during the 1980s.

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Liberals face challenges

\$1M debt just one problem for provincial leadership hopefuls

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Getting Alberta's official opposition party out of debt will be a giant task for its new leader, but now is not the time for a re-branding, say politicians with the Alberta Liberals.

During the Alberta Party convention at the Best Western Westwood Inn over the weekend, the Grits said they need to do a better job at keeping Albertans interested in politics after a March 3 election that had a record number of voters choosing to stay at home instead of mark a



Liberal leadership hopeful David Swann at the Best Western Westwood Inn yesterday.

ballot.

David Swann, one of three people seeking leadership of the financially-strapped party, believes it was that lack of interest

that harmed the Liberals after the party lost almost half its seats to Premier Ed Stelmach's Tories during the election.

"The first order of business is renewing our party," said Swann.

"We went through a devastating March election, and we're clearly not connecting with the average Albertans."

Swann says the Grits are going to have to do more than just attract new members, as more change is urgently needed right down to its grassroots constituency level.

The Liberals were also about \$1 million in debt

because of the election campaign, but Swann says that has now been cut by more than half.

"This is a major challenge for us, but we need to ask Albertans why we are not engaged in their democracy," said Swann.

"We need to have Albertans stay engaged so we can hold this government accountable."

In his last speech to the Grits' annual convention Saturday, Liberal Leader Kevin Taft said the party should remain hopeful, as a new leader will find a way to beat the Tories who have governed Alberta for more than four decades.

Tai Chi Demonstration



Brandon Luo, 6, performs basic Wu Shu with dozens of other students during the Ji Hong Wu Shu & Tai Chi College 20th Anniversary Demonstration at Grant MacEwan College Gymnasium, yesterday afternoon.

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Truck driver found not guilty

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COURT A Court of Queen's Bench judge has ruled that because it couldn't be proven hazard lights of a bus were on before a semi-truck slammed into it, killing six oilpatch workers, the trucker charged with dangerous driving is not guilty on all charges.

Inderjit Virk, 35, was charged with 27 counts in total — six counts of dangerous driving causing death, and 19 counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm in relation to

RCMP lawsuit

• The RCMP have been accused of negligence for leaving the bus unprotected from oncoming traffic, and a lawsuit was filed in December 2006 against five unidentified RCMP officers. Six oilpatch workers died in the crash.

the May 2005 crash.

Multiple witnesses took the stand during the two-week trial. Some claimed the bus' hazard lights were flashing, others who claimed they were not.

In the end, Justice Lawrie Smith ruled Friday that it could not be proven the hazard lights were on before the crash,

and that the head and tail lights were not visible, as the bus was parked across the highway.

An RCMP member attending to the first crash scene, which had traffic blocked in both directions, said he didn't warn other drivers about the bus, because its lights were on.

20-year-old dead in Hobbema shooting

SHOOTING A 20-year-old man has died after what Mounties in Hobbema say was another gang-related shooting in the troubled aboriginal community.

The man was shot at a playground near his home in the Ermineskin Reserve in broad daylight and was later hauled to the house shortly before 1 p.m.

Mounties say they knew the man, identified by family as Brian Littlechild.

No arrests have been made in the suspicious death case and a medical examiner is expected to do an autopsy later this week to determine a cause of death.

The escalating violence in the town has made com-

munity leaders and law officials launch a guns and weapons amnesty in Hobbema Aug. 1.

And anyone in the community can get rid of their unwanted guns, even knives, by calling Hobbema RCMP without being charged with possessing unregistered or unlicensed firearms until Nov. 3.

If police have determined the weapon is stolen, however, they will conduct an investigation, police said.

The amnesty comes three months after 23-month-old Asia Saddleback was wounded in her home after a gang-related drive-by shooting.

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Alcohol may be involved in ATV death: Police

FATALITY Mounties believe alcohol was factor in the death of a 29-year-old man who was killed while riding an ATV near Whitelaw.

The man was a passenger on the 2007 Yamaha

ATV that was being driven by its 31-year-old owner on private property, police said.

Police say the ATV overturned and ejected the passenger into a hay field.

The 31-year-old driver was not injured.

Police say the name of the 29-year-old will not be released until next of kin are notified.

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Whitelaw

• The town of Whitelaw lies roughly 550 km northwest from Edmonton.

Edmonton given nod for development planning

Edmonton is being praised for its planning and strategies for redeveloping the downtown by an the International Downtown Association, based in Washington, D.C. The association awarded A Special Achievement Award in Planning to city officials.

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RCMP call for calm after fabricated attack

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Mounties are asking those who know a 20-year-old woman who lied about being attacked on an Edson trail, not to seek any form of retribution against her, calling the incident "an unfortunate mistake she has

been a part of."

The alleged attack was deemed Friday by RCMP to have been fabricated by the woman, just hours after the body of 14-year-old Emily Stauffer was carried past a massive congregation of mourners.

Stauffer was killed Sept. 27 in broad daylight while walking along a path in Edson, roughly 200 kilometre

Mourners pack school gym

• Hundreds of mourners packed a school gymnasium on Friday, remembering the young girl who loved photography, nature, and who was devout to her faith.

tres west of Edmonton.

Three days after her brutal murder, a 20-year-old woman claimed she too had been attacked on a walking path on the east

side of the town.

The woman was taken to hospital and released that day.

She gave an incredibly detailed description of the

alleged attacker, including details about his clothing and scent.

After the 1:30 p.m. call about the attack came in, three schools in the area were locked down, as a safety precaution.

On Friday, investigators determined the story a hoax and concluded that there were no reasonable grounds for the woman's

claim.

The woman will not be charged with public mischief for fabricating the story.

More than 40 investigators have been working tirelessly to solve the murder of the 14-year-old pastor's daughter, but have not yet named any suspects or made any arrests in the case.

Getting Edmonton off the streets

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HOMELESS Almost 1,000 homeless Edmontonians found change yesterday, not from pockets of passersby, but from within themselves, and through the help of a few hundred volunteers.

The first annual Homeless Connect Edmonton was held yesterday at the Shaw Conference centre, bringing over 50 essential services together under one roof, in an effort to help those less fortunate begin to pick up the pieces.

"If you have no home, you spend most of your time dealing with that and don't have time for any other issues," said Homeless Connect executive director Susan McGee.

Solutions for those issues were offered yesterday, from STD testing, to free haircuts, to workshops on how to develop a relationship with a landlord, to printing out identification. After 30 years of having a stable home, Tom Edwards was forced out onto the street when medical complications cost him his job. He headed down to the Shaw in hopes



Tom Edwards of Edmonton speaks about the resources he can utilize at the Homeless Connect Edmonton held at the Shaw conference centre, yesterday. Edwards has been homeless for three months. Homeless Connect Edmonton brings together 40 agencies offering over 50 practical services, such as obtaining identification cards, haircuts, and counselling.

of getting new glasses and clothes, so he could resume working as a truck driver.

"Everything is so expensive to rent," he said, adding that he's been living on the streets for three months. "People don't understand the circumstances on how we get here. Look at me — I don't look homeless."

Edwards said that since

he's been homeless, he's never gone hungry, thanks to charitable organizations in the downtown core, but that living on the street is a dangerous lifestyle.

"You got to watch yourself so much," he said.

McGee said that though winter is coming, there are still many people living in the River Valley. She said some agencies have relationships with landlords, who

have agreed to continue to work with the homeless on reintegration, if they're willing to house them.

"I don't want to be out here anymore. I want to get back in the world," Edwards said.

At last count in 2006, there were almost 3,000 homeless people in Edmonton. There is another homeless census planned in late October.

No suspects after victim calls family ahead of cops

ATTACK Police say a cabbie's decision to not phone police until a half hour after he was attacked last week left officers empty handed in finding any suspects.

The taxi driver picked up a fare near Youville Drive near the Grey Nuns hospital shortly before 3 a.m.

A dispute over the fare arose and the driver was left with a laceration to his forehead, police said.

Police say the suspect fled on foot and the driver chose to call family to arrive on the scene first — 30 minutes before police were notified about a crime had taken place.

"Had the incident been reported to police earlier, the chances of apprehending the suspect would have been greater," said Karen Carlson in a press release.

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Off-duty officer assaulted

ARRESTED An off duty officer received several bruises to his face last week after an intoxicated man allegedly assaulted him right after the cop finished his shift.

Police said the man was walking to his vehicle shortly after 11 p.m. Thursday when the suspect approached him.

When the man identi-

fied himself as a police officer, the suspect punched him in the face and ran away, police said.

The officer chased the suspect and caught him at a nearby fire station. The man held on to the suspect until on-duty cops arrived on scene. Sean Binette, 22, is charged with assault causing bodily harm.

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News in brief

SHOOTING A man was taken to hospital after he was shot three times in the legs outside the Y Nightclub near 100 Avenue and 102 Street yesterday morning. Police say the

22-year-old man was treated in hospital with non-life threatening injuries, stemming from a drug deal that turned bad.

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RCMP have arrested an undisclosed number of people following the theft of United States navy equipment that was being stored in central Newfoundland. Last month, thieves broke into a municipal garage in the town of Botwood and stole \$20,000 worth of diving equipment. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

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"This is the first of its kind and has never been tried before."

Krishna Aryal, an official of Explore Himalaya, the agency that organized the first-ever Everest skydive.

Everest jump

Three skydivers, including Canadian Neil Jones, made the first-ever parachute jump over Mount Everest yesterday, organizers and participants said. REUTERS

Soldier injured in roadside blast

AFGHANISTAN A Canadian soldier was injured yesterday when a roadside bomb exploded near an armoured vehicle in Afghanistan, CBC News Online reports.

The soldier, whose name was not released, was flown to the multinational medical facility at Kandahar Airfield, where he is listed in serious but stable condition. METRO NEWS SERVICES

News in brief

HEALTH A report released today by the Ontario Health Coalition alleges it found evidence to suspect 89 possible violations of the Canada Health Act in private clinics in five provinces.

MONTREAL An 18-year-old man has been shot in the stomach by police in north-end Montreal, CBC News Online reports. The man is in stable condition, police said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Plants not required to report listeriosis

Four months before the Maple Leaf outbreak started claiming lives, Canada's food safety agency quietly dropped its rule requiring meat-processing companies to alert the agency about listeria-tainted meat, a Torstar News Service/CBC investigation has found.

Twenty people died as a result of the outbreak and federal meat inspectors and their union say this rule change likely made the country's listeria outbreak far worse than it had to be.

Bob Kingston, head of the union that represents Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspectors, and four veteran inspec-

The old rules

• Before April 1, if a company preparing meat for sale to the public had a positive test showing listeria it "would have had to have been, not

only brought to the (federal) inspector's attention, but the inspector would have been involved in overseeing the cleanup," says Bob Kingston.

tors interviewed for this story fear the rule change, part of the deregulation of Canada's food safety net, continues to pose a serious threat to public health.

The CFIA confirmed that there is currently no onus on companies to alert inspectors about positive bacterial results. The change came as part of a federal decision to allow companies to write their

own food safety plans, with federal approval.

"If I walk in as an inspector, the plant doesn't come up to me and say we had positive tests today," said Tom Graham, the food safety agency's national inspection manager. But he says the reporting rule will likely be reinstated as a result of the current federal investigation into the Maple Leaf outbreak.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Nathan Fry's mother, Joanne, left, and his brother, Brandon, leave B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver, yesterday.

Fry guilty on five counts of murder

COURT The man accused of setting a house fire that killed a Vancouver family and a friend as they slept has been convicted on five counts of first-degree murder.

Nathan Fry, 20, was also found guilty of attempted murder and won't be eligible for parole for 25 years.

The jury heard how Bolingo Etibako, then 16, woke to find his house on fire and jumped out a second storey window. His mother, three younger siblings and girlfriend died.

Fry maintained his innocence, saying he was ripping off grow ops that night. METRO CANADA



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Looking good on the campaign trail

Sweater fever is catching. First it was Stephen Harper who donned a baby-blue sweater in the campaign's early days in a bid to look more relaxed. Now Stéphane Dion has adopted the look, too, with a burgundy sweater during a swing through New Brunswick and P.E.I. Saturday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Election 2008

Mood

Young Grits mix sex and politics

KITS Don't tell the Young Liberals sex and politics don't mix. They sent promotional kits to 60 campuses this fall with posters, pins ... and condoms with the slogans Make Love Not A Conservative Government, Canvas Your Poll and Stand Up For Canada (ahem).

"Hey, we're young Liberals — we can do that," says Adam Miron, head of the 10,000-strong Young Liberals of Canada who, like all self-respecting techno-activists, also are using YouTube clips, Twitter campaigns and interactive websites to try to put their peers in an electoral mood.

While the condoms were a hit it remains tough to stir the political hormones of young Canadians who are delaying voting later and later.

"We're seeing a general greying of party politics in Canada, partly because the parties aren't doing a good enough job reaching out to young people," says political science professor Bill Cross of Carleton University, co-author of a landmark study of 2,000 students that shows many don't see party politics as an effective way to make change, and the ones who do are often recruited by their parents.

"Young people who belong to a party are three times more likely to have parents who are members, and a large number say they were asked to join by family," says Cross, "while older members say they were recruited more by the parties themselves."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

NORTH Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion put northern issues in the spotlight yesterday, starting in Iqaluit, Nunavut, where he warned that military might alone is not enough to ensure Canada's hold on the Arctic and urged greater focus on northern residents and "aggressive diplomacy" to enforce its sovereignty.

VOTES NDP Leader Jack Layton is ramping up the rhetoric and his call for strategic voting to unseat Prime Minister Stephen Harper, or at least rob him of a majority. Layton said yesterday in Thunder Bay that Harper cares far more about corporate tax cuts than he does about people struggling to make ends meet or losing their jobs.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What has an election ad done for you lately?

Do election ads make any difference? A good test is to try to remember the last ad that made a significant splash during an election campaign: An ad notable because it backfired.

The 1993 TV ad by the (then) Progressive Conservatives appeared to make fun of Jean Chrétien's facial paralysis. Its double-dollop of schoolyard bully meanness made a bad campaign worse for Kim Campbell's Tories, who lost all but two of their 169 seats.

Positive ads rarely define a campaign. The one spectacular exception is the TV ad It's Morning Again in America, created by ad legend Hal Riney for Ronald Reagan's 1984 re-election campaign. Its irresistible aw-shucks Norman Rockwell Americana helped Reagan whup Walter Mondale by 16 million votes. But the ad's secret ingredient was Reagan himself: Voters believed that he believed the rosy view of

America, and they wanted a plateful of whatever he was having.

Campaign ads are effective in bolstering a leader's image and enhancing doubts about the bad guys. But like most ads, their effect is slow and gradual, like grains of sand filling an hourglass. And they can only work with impressions that already exist somewhere in the voter's mind.

Slogans once ruled election campaigns, but they, too, often backfired. In 1908, the Liberals campaigned on

the slogan Let Laurier Finish His Work. Oppo-

Jean Chrétien



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AdVentures

Mike Tennant



nents mocked: Let Laurier's Work Finish Him.

In 1964, rumours spread that Republican nominee Barry Goldwater was willing — even eager — to use nuclear weapons. Scoffers converted his official slogan You Know In Your Heart He's Right to You Know In Your Guts He's Nuts.

Goldwater was also the target of Daisy, a landmark TV spot from Doyle Dane Bernbach (who had put the VW Beetle on the map with its fantastic Think Small campaign), showing a little girl playing in a pasture as a loudspeaker counts down to a nuclear blast. Over

the mushroom cloud, Lyndon Johnson's voice reads, in part: "We must either love each other, or we must die." Between the lines: Elect Goldwater and he'll nuke your children.

Advertising is not where campaigns happen: They simply divert attention with Neverland imagery of what a party wants you to think.

Campaigns are defined by gaffes, rumours and unguarded moments — inspiring and disastrous — that shift the prevailing winds of public mood.

And the conversation is moving to the Internet through blogs, social networks and instant messaging.

As I write this, a Google search of "Harper" and "election" yields some 98,000 blogs. A YouTube search of "Canada," "election" and "2008" produces more than 1,000 videos. That's where campaigning is headed.

You heard it here first.

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Campaign



Stephen Harper

Tories to launch counter-attack

STRATEGY Accusing their political opponents of "fear-mongering on the economy" to win votes, the Conservatives will launch a major counter-attack in the last week of the campaign leading up to the Oct. 14 ballot.

"When you are not expected to win government, when you're Opposition leader, when you're down in the polls, you can spend time fear-mongering on the economy and cheering for a recession for your own political gain," a senior Conservative strategist said during a conference call to provide reporters background on the week ahead.

"But when you're the prime minister, you actually have to be honest about the situation. To say that we're going to have serious problems in the banking sector when that is in fact not the case would be destabilizing to markets."

Meanwhile, a confident Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion heads into the final full week of the campaign on a mission to highlight the "very conservative" Stephen Harper government while pressing to win over NDP supporters.

The Conservative official's comments appeared to elaborate on comments Harper made to reporters Saturday night as his tour returned to Ottawa.

The prime minister said the election campaign is "fluid," but when asked why that is so, would only answer because of the way "some of the other parties are conducting their campaigns" — an apparent admission his opponents' attacks are eating into his electoral hopes.

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Watch Stephen Harper get grilled as Tory support hits a new low at metronews.ca/canada

8 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Election vandalism under investigation

Bizarre and dangerous acts of vandalism have spread into another federal riding in the Greater Toronto Area, with 12 new incidents reported yesterday in Toronto Parkdale-High Park.

The latest come on the heels of 14 similar acts of vandalism in the Toronto St. Paul's riding, reported to police Saturday.

Toronto police yesterday continued to investigate the acts of vandalism, which include the cutting of brake lines, phone and cable lines as well as graffiti defacing homes and garages. The 26 incidents are likely connected and may have been done by one person since they are so similar in nature, Liberal party insiders suggest. The victims were all Liberal party supporters and had signs on their lawns supporting the Liberals.

"There is this hatred thing that is so upsetting — hatred of Liberals," said Liberal MP for St. Paul's Carolyn Bennett. "There's no other excuse for this in terms of this kind of intimi-



Toronto Liberal MP Caroline Bennett lends a hand and hose yesterday at the scene of election-related graffiti.

dation. That's what's so upsetting. We don't know who's doing it at all. We just think this is somebody who really is not well."

In Parkdale-High Park, Andrew Krupowicz was horrified to find his car's brake lines were cut Saturday night. On the lawn is a sign supporting Gerard Kennedy, the Liberal candidate in the riding.

"I'm in complete shock. This is something you don't expect to have happen in

Canada. We have a democratic system. This could have killed me, my girlfriend and everyone else on the road."

His neighbour, Debra McNeven, was also a victim. A big red "L" was painted on the brick wall of her house, the screen door and the garage door late Saturday. McNeven said she thinks she was targeted because she also has a sign supporting Kennedy on her lawn. The NDP and the Conser-

"I'm in complete shock. This is something you don't expect to have happen in Canada."

Andrew Krupowicz

vatives in St. Paul's condemned the vandalism.

NDP Leader Jack Layton called the attacks "outrageous."

"Anybody who attacks the basic right of people to get involved in politics is attacking something that is very fundamental to all us, which is the right to vote. ... It is absolutely unacceptable and quite horrific to imagine such a thing is going on," Layton said in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Added Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion in Churchill, Man.: "I think it's completely unacceptable in any democracy what is happening for Carolyn ... we will not be intimidated by that ... It's something we cannot accept in Canada."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tropical Storm Norbert formed off Mexico's Pacific coast and was expected to turn into a hurricane early this week, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said yesterday. Norbert is headed toward Baja California but is not forecast to make a direct hit on the peninsula. **REUTERS**

World

Pope kicks off Bible marathon

Pope Benedict XVI yesterday kicked off a seven-day, non-stop Bible-reading marathon on Italian television. The pope read for several minutes from the start of the Book of Genesis live from his apartments in the Vatican, while other speakers read in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Rome. In the next seven days and six nights, more than 1,200 people will read from the Bible until all 73 books of the Catholic edition are finished. **REUTERS**

Obama fires back over rival's 'smears'

Palin comment signals new McCain strategy

Democrat Barack Obama counterattacked yesterday against a new Republican tactic by saying rival John McCain was more interested in a smear campaign than fixing the U.S. economy.

With McCain losing ground in opinion polls, a campaign strategist was quoted as saying the Republican presidential candidate needed to "turn the page" on the economic issue and make the election about Obama's experience and character.

That effort started Saturday when Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin accused Obama

Contributions questioned

• The Republican Party yesterday said Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama had not done enough to

screen out illegal campaign contributions, and asked U.S. election officials to look into the matter.

of "palling around with terrorists" in reference to his acquaintance with Bill Ayers, a former member of the Vietnam War-era group Weather Underground.

Obama responded to the accusations at a rally attended by more than 20,000 people in Asheville, N.C., a swing state where the Democratic presidential candidate was preparing for his second debate

with McCain tomorrow.

"Senator McCain and his operatives are gambling that he can distract you with smears rather than talk to you about substance," Obama said. "They'd rather try to tear our campaign down than lift this country up."

"It's what you do when you're out of touch, out of ideas and running out of time," he said. **REUTERS**

Tradition Preparing for Yom Kippur



Ultra-Orthodox Jewish boys hold chickens during Kapparot yesterday in Jerusalem, ahead of Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, which starts at sundown Wednesday. Kapparot is an ancient custom connected to Yom Kippur, where white chickens are slaughtered as a symbolic gesture of atonement. The slaughtered chickens are then donated to the poor. **REUTERS**

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Georgia monitors see sign of Russian pullback

CONFLICT EU ceasefire monitors in Georgia reported the dismantling of a Russian checkpoint near breakaway South Ossetia yesterday, saying it was the "first open sign" of a promised Russian troop pullback by Oct. 10.

A spokesman with the European Union monitoring mission said the checkpoint was in the Ali region of Georgia, northwest of the town of Gori.

"Monitors have been observing the dismantling of the checkpoint," the spokesman said. "This is the first open sign," he said, in a reference to the expected Russian troop withdrawal following a five-day war between Russia and Georgia in August.

The regional police chief said the checkpoint was in

Ceasefire

• The Oct. 10 deadline was set under a French-brokered ceasefire. The EU deployed an observer mission of more than 200 unarmed monitors on Oct. 1 with the initial task of monitoring the Russian pullback.

the village of Nabakhtevi.

Russia sent forces into Georgia to repel an offensive by Tbilisi to retake South Ossetia from pro-Moscow separatists. Moscow said it would pull back troops by Oct. 10 from "security zones" it established on Georgian territory adjoining South Ossetia and another breakaway region, Abkhazia. **REUTERS**

Simpson facing life in prison

CRIME O.J. Simpson, who more than a decade ago stunned much of America by beating murder charges, is now in a Las Vegas jail, facing the possibility of life in prison after a jury found him guilty of kidnapping and robbery on Friday.



Simpson, who walked away a free man amid widespread beliefs that he killed his ex-wife and her friend, was convicted 13 years to the day after his acquittal. **REUTERS**

News in brief

WAR Britain's commander in Afghanistan has said the war against the Taliban cannot be won, the Sunday Times reported. It quoted Brig. Mark Carleton-Smith as saying that if the Taliban were willing to talk, then that might be "precisely the sort of progress" needed to end the insurgency.

POLITICS Japan's new Prime Minister Taro Aso plans to visit China in late October, eyeing his first summit with Chinese leaders since taking office last month, government officials said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Court to tackle tobacco, whales

LAW Amid a presidential race that may decide its future direction, the U.S. Supreme Court begins a new term today with cases about tobacco company lawsuits, protecting whales from navy sonar and a government crackdown on dirty words on television.

When the court convenes today for the first

time since June 26, the justices will hear arguments on whether tobacco companies can be sued in state courts over claims of deceptive advertising of "light" or low-tar cigarettes, a case that could affect more than 40 lawsuits around the country seeking billions of dollars. **REUTERS**

Business

Sponsored venues facing identity crisis

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Airlines feel the jet lag

Worldwide business jet deliveries will rise 8 to 17 per cent next year to what may be a peak as high fuel costs and global economic worries depress demand, according to a forecast by Honeywell International Inc. Delivery of new business jets tend to lag economic activity because they are bought and paid for over three- to four-year cycles. REUTERS

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Milk melamine-free: China

Officials also said on Thursday the latest chemical tests had come back clean. More than 5,000 inspectors carried out "round-the-clock scrutiny" at dairy factories. **REUTERS**

MINING The junior mining sector will shrink as companies fall on tight credit conditions and plunging commodity prices, an analyst said. **REUTERS**

World record **Legomania**

Guinness World Record judge Carlos Martinez stands in front of the world's tallest standing Lego tower at 29.48 metres in Vienna yesterday, which beat the previous record of 29.3 metres.

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Going Green

Compost household waste

Canadians produce more than 21 million tonnes of garbage annually, according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. Approximately 30 per cent of household waste is organic material, much of which could be put into compost bins.

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Putting humans in their place

The planet is a complex interaction of air, water, land and living things — all interconnected

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Andrew Weaver's recently published book, *Keeping Our Cool: Canada In A Warming World*, is an urgent call to action that some of the folks running for the privilege of leading us into the future seem to be ignoring.

Weaver, a world-class climatologist who is putting the University of Victoria on the global map, was one of the lead authors on papers put out by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In that role, he shared the Nobel

Peace Prize last year with other panel members.

In the book, Weaver argues that if we are to stabilize atmospheric levels of carbon at a level that will not result in climate going haywire, we must begin massive reductions in greenhouse gas emissions now with a goal of totally eliminating our output of them. If we don't, 80 per cent of all species could become extinct!

That's an astounding prediction, and if we think we'll somehow survive such a catastrophic crisis, we should think again.

When I first read about colonies of honeybees dying out, a bolt of fear went through me. Without pollinators, most flowering

plants will not survive, and that would devastate the makeup of species on the planet.

We have become the dominant animal on the planet, and it has been an amazing story. But in puffing ourselves up with self importance, we have lost sight of how

little we know about the way the world works and how utterly dependent we are on the services that nature performs for us, like removing carbon dioxide from the air and replacing it with oxygen — not a bad service for animals like us.

Eminent Harvard ecologist and ant expert E.O. Wilson once told me that if humans disappeared overnight, only a handful of organisms would also go extinct: Creatures that live on our skin, in our armpits, and our groins and guts. The rest of nature would rebound, the planet would green up, and animals would increase in abundance.

But if all the ants went extinct overnight, whole terrestrial ecosystems would collapse, and the makeup of animals and plants would change catastrophically. Kind of puts humans in perspective.

We apparently now put health as one of our top priorities in this election. Well, when we use air, water, and land as

a garbage can, do we think we are somehow immune to the health consequences?

We've got to see the world as it really is — a complex interaction of air, water, land, and living things, all interconnected and all interdependent.

We are rampaging across the planet, treating it as our plaything, as our source of raw materials, as our dumping ground for our waste and emissions. And then we whine like mad when reminded that we have to change and we have to pay for what we do. Why haven't we heard more about this perspective in the current election campaign?

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.david.suzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.



Benefits of eco-friendly living appeal to Canadians: Study

Despite recent reports about a possible economic crunch, Canadians are still giving the environment top billing.

Eighty per cent of Canadians consider the environmental impact of their purchasing decisions and are eager to make positive changes, according to a recent Canadian study conducted by the Gandalf Group. The study also reports

that the long-term financial and environmental benefits are what appeal to most Canadians.

One of the simplest and most effective ways to make your household more green is replacing light bulbs. This significantly reduces the amount of electricity used in the home as well as the amount of harmful greenhouse gases. Replacing one incandescent

light bulb with an energy-efficient compact fluorescent can result in an annual savings of more than \$50 in household electricity costs. In addition to compact fluorescent bulbs, Philips Electronics has recently introduced new halogen energy-saving

bulbs and ultra-efficient LED bulbs to offer consumers more energy-saving options. Some other suggestions to help your household reduce its environmental impact, while saving on energy costs are:

Replace old appliances with energy effi-

cient ones
Unplug TVs, stereos and other electronics when not in use

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Melnik confident about new deal for Alfredsson

Eugene Melnik is confident the Ottawa Senators can come to a contract agreement with winger Daniel Alfredsson, but is cautious about the type of deal that's reached, TSN.ca is reporting. The team owner met with Alfredsson's agent JP Barry in Stockholm Saturday.

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Sports



Jankovic wins in Stuttgart

Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, left, celebrated her imminent return to the top of the world rankings with an easy 6-4, 6-3 victory over Nadia Petrova in the Stuttgart Grand Prix final yesterday. Second seed Jankovic, who will replace Serena Williams as world No. 1 today, took advantage of regular errors from the unseeded Russian Petrova to clinch victory in 83 minutes.

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MacIntyre fighting his way on

CapitalSports

Robin Brownlee



For a guy who hasn't played five minutes as a member of the Edmonton Oilers, hulking **Steve MacIntyre** made quite an impression in his debut in a 4-3 overtime loss to the Calgary Flames Friday.

MacIntyre, a six-foot-six, 265-pound enforcer who'd spent his entire pro career punching for peanuts in the minor leagues before the Oilers plucked him

from Florida on the waiver wire, likely earned himself an NHL job with his dismantling of tough **Jim Vandermeer**.

While fans, not to mention coach **Craig MacTavish**, have debated the merit of using a roster spot for a tough guy, there's no argument about the impact MacIntyre's beat-down of Vandermeer had on his teammates.

"You can't not be impressed by that fight," said **Shawn Horcoff**, who watched from the press box. "He's a guy who can serve a role for our team that we haven't had in a while."

After Vandermeer got the better of **Marc Pouliot**

in a fight, sending him to the dressing room needing stitches over both eyes, nobody needed to tell MacIntyre what had to happen next.

MacIntyre, 28, who can knock an opponent goofy with either hand, knows why he's here. That grasp of the job description is why he'll be on the 23-man roster to start the season.

While MacIntyre played just 4:48, his debut prompted somebody on the popular fan website HFBboards to start a "Steve MacIntyre Appreciation" thread. As of 10 a.m. Sun-

day it had 164 comments posted and 4,907 views.

TOUGH CALLS

Between MacIntyre's obvious value and having three goaltenders on the roster, it's stacking up like **Gilbert Brule** and **Rob Schremp** will be among MacTavish's final five cuts today or Tuesday.

With MacIntyre as the 13th forward and **Jeff Deslauriers** turning in an outstanding performance Friday and looking ready for primetime as **Mathieu Garon's** back-up, Brule and Schremp will pay the price until MacTavish can find a



Craig MacTavish

way to unload **Dwayne Roloson**.

Unless I'm reading things wrong, **Taylor Chorney**, **Theo Peckham**, **Mathieu Roy**, Brule and Schremp will be the final five cuts.

DIFFICULT SEASON

A season to forget came to an abrupt end for Edmonton Eskimos defensive back **J.R. LaRose** in the third quarter of Saturday's 36-22 win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Commonwealth Stadium.

LaRose, 24, suffered a badly broken right leg on a punt return and had to be taken off the field on a stretcher, taking the shine off a comeback win the Es-

kimos absolutely had to have. He will be lost for the season.

LaRose, a local product who won a CFJL title with the Edmonton Huskies in 2004, lost a family member to a drowning incident during training camp in June.

WHILE I'M AT IT ... At 8-6, the Esks can guarantee themselves no worse than a crossover playoff berth win one more win in their final four games, a stretch that starts against the B.C. Lions in Vancouver Friday.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.

Strudwick's late goal wins it for Oilers

NHL Jason Strudwick's third period goal lifted the Edmonton Oilers to a 3-2 victory over the Dallas Stars in the preseason finale for both teams



Jason Strudwick

Andrew Cogliano and Sheldon Souray also scored for Edmonton, which opens its regular season at home next Sunday

against the Avalanche.

Mathieu Garon made 39 saves to earn the win.

Brandon Crombeen and Stephane Robidas tallied for the Stars, who begin their 2008-09 campaign at home Friday against Columbus. Marty Turco stopped 11-of-14 shots in the loss.

Columbus 5 Toronto 4
Nikita Filatov scored the lone shootout goal, as the Columbus Blue Jackets edged the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-4, in the preseason finale for both clubs.

Ottawa 3 Pittsburgh 1
Danny Heatley continued his dominance against the Penguins as he scored twice to help Ottawa split a season-opening series in Europe against Pittsburgh with a 3-1 win at The Globe Arena.

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Philadelphia Phillies Brett Myers, left, and Greg Dobbs celebrate after the Phillies defeated the Milwaukee Brewers in Game 4 of their MLB National League Divisional Series playoff baseball game in Milwaukee, yesterday.

White Sox avoid sweep

Chicago 5 Tampa Bay 3

MLB DeWayne Wise hit a two-run double in Chicago's three-run fourth, and the White Sox staved off elimination with a 5-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 3 of their American League Division Series.

Tampa Bay still leads the series 2-1, and can advance to its first-ever American League Championship Series with a win in Game 4, set for today in Chicago. Game 5, if necessary, will be back in St. Petersburg, Florida on Wednesday.

John Danks (1-0) gave up seven hits and three runs in 6 2/3 innings, with seven strikeouts and three walks, to pick up another big win for the White Sox.

Phillies 6 Brewers 2

Pat Burrell belted two of Philadelphia's four home runs, as the Phillies earned a trip to the National League Championship Series for the first time in 15 years with a 6-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Burrell collected three

hits and drove in four runs for the Phillies, who captured the best-of-five National League Division Series three games to one and won a postseason series for the first time since ousting the Atlanta Braves in the 1993 NLCS.

"I couldn't be more thrilled," said Burrell.

Angels 5 Boston 4

The Los Angeles Angels stayed alive by beating Boston at Fenway Park 5-4 in a game that went 12 innings.

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Bills unbeaten streak snapped by Arizona

Arizona 41 Buffalo 17

NFL Kurt Warner threw a pair of touchdown passes and Tim Hightower scored twice, as the Arizona Cardinals cruised past the previously unbeaten Buffalo Bills, 41-17.

Warner hit on 33-of-42 pass attempts for 250 yards and Larry Fitzgerald caught both touchdown passes among a seven-catch, 52-yard performance.

Colts 31 Texans 27

Peyton Manning's five-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne with just under two minutes to go capped a furious Indianapolis comeback as the Colts stunned Houston, 31-27. Trailing 27-10 late in the fourth quarter, the Colts (2-2) scored 21 unanswered points during a span of two minutes and



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10 seconds to win the game. Elsewhere in the NFL, it was: Denver 16, Tampa Bay 13 Dolphins 17, Chargers 10; Titans 13, Ravens 10; Giants 44, Seahawks 6; Falcons 27, Packers 24; Redskins 23, Eagles 17; Panthers 34, Chiefs 0; Cowboys 31, Bengals 22; Chicago 34, Detroit 7; and Patriots 30, 49ers 21.

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Sports in brief

FENCING Jujie Luan of Edmonton won gold in 50-59 Veteran Women's Foil yesterday at the Veterans World Championships in Limoges, France. Luan won three straight playoff matches after going undefeated in pool play and won her gold medal match by a score of 4-2, beating Liudmila Chernova of Russia.

NBA New Orleans Hornets center Tyson Chandler left Sunday's 106-103 preseason-opening victory over the Golden State Warriors in the first quarter with a sprained right ankle. The injury occurred under the Hornets' basket after Chandler stepped into the lane to defend a drive by C.J. Watson.

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Student leaders in Manitoba are upset after the University of Winnipeg was called a "no-fly zone" in an e-mail sent from Conservative campaign organizers, indicating party representatives would not attend the university's all-candidates forum. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology



UBC in NCAA?

The University of British Columbia is in the final stages of deciding whether to apply for membership with the National Collegiate Athletic Association at the Division II level, and interest is growing among NCAA schools for UBC to join. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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In the office, try to dress the part

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Changing attitudes in the workplace mean dress codes don't have to be as stuffy or strict as they once were.

However, experts agree that just because you can dress down doesn't necessarily mean you should.

Paul Hardy, a renowned Canadian fashion designer based in Calgary, suggests no matter what you're allowed to wear in the workplace, the end result should be polished and refined. If you wear jeans, swap the sneakers for a pair of killer dress shoes and make sure any accessories are appropriately top-notch.

"If you're going to dress down, you have to be conscious of the details," Hardy said.

Hardy thinks too many people abuse Casual Fridays by wearing weekend khakis and polo shirts and says a jacket and button-up shirt is still a requirement in the workplace.

"If you're going to wear the same clothes you wear to the mall or the

Work your way up

- Lucia Connor, a fashion expert and marketing director at the Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, Ont., says ultimately how you dress sends a powerful message, so don't aim too low, regardless of what your dress code allows.
- "You have to dress for the job that you want, not necessarily the job that you have," Connor said.

movies, I don't think it's appropriate for business," Hardy said.

Some companies, however, particularly those in creative fields, are finding it easier to attract talented young people with laxer dress codes that stress individuality over conformity.

Razor Suleman, founder and CEO of corporate incentive program developer I Love Rewards, says he let his employees define their own dress code and as a result has attracted twice as much young Gen Y talent — generally people 18 to 28 years old — at essentially no extra cost to the company.

"If you are an employer in line with what Gen Y sees, you stand a better chance of attracting that group to the workplace," Suleman said.

The dress code at I Love

Rewards is simple — dress like you would to look classy and sophisticated on a first date. Overly revealing clothes are of course a no-no but attractive jeans and stylish sweaters are a go. Suleman says social norms tend to police the dress code better than strict policies, as a little freedom goes a long way with those in Generation Y.

"I think Gen Y is a bit more rebellious. Gen X brought us Casual Fridays — Gen Y filled in the rest of the week," he said.

Suleman feels staunchly conservative dress codes can actually lower productivity by forcing people into a frame of mind that stifles them.

"Unless you can demonstrate to me why I'll be more productive in a suit and tie, I'm not wearing one," he said.



"Gen X brought us Casual Fridays — Gen Y filled in the rest of the week."

Razor Suleman

These days it's easier to dress down at the office, but some workplace experts say that just because you can doesn't mean you should, and if you do dress down, remain classy.

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Financial woes keeping hiring down

• As the U.S. works toward stabilizing its financial markets after unprecedented events on Wall Street, the ripple effects of a cooler business climate in 2008 continue to infiltrate nationwide employment. Employers expect current hiring trends to hold steady through

the end of the year, according to CareerBuilder.com.

"Employers are maintaining a conservative approach to recruitment as they manoeuvre through a weaker economy that has produced its share of casualties," said Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder.com.

Some emerging trends:

- Of those workers who found a new job in 2008, one in five (21 per cent) reported their job search took them four months or longer.
- Workers are taking on second jobs. Five per cent of employers said their companies

have required employees to take an unpaid leave of absence in the past six months.

• Workers are postponing active job search. As workers await an upswing in economic performance and job creation, they are proceeding with caution. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Jimmy 'the Iceman' cometh

The man hailed as Zamboni Driver of the Year

OddJobs

Diane Peters



It's a little-known fact that two, not one, hockey-related stars have come out of Brantford, Ont.

You've probably seen one of them — his name is Wayne — work his magic. Less likely, you've watched Jimmy MacNeil and his ice-related skills.

For 20 years, 47-year-old MacNeil has been a certified ice technician. Most call him a Zamboni driver (Olympia also makes ice resurfacers, but Zamboni is the name that's stuck).

He rose to fame in 1999 when the Zamboni Company went on the hunt for the Zamboni Driver of the Year. MacNeil triumphed in the Internet competition, partly thanks to the support of staff at the Zamboni factory in Brantford. After winning his title, "the Iceman," MacNeil got a lot of exposure on TV and radio. He also drove a Zamboni across Canada in 2001 and raised \$1 million for the Canadian Hockey Association.

This was not his original career plan. He studied

The Lowdown

Job title: Zamboni driver/certified ice technician

Salary: \$35,000 to \$45,000

Education/Training: A certificate from a provincial organization such as the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association

Best Part of the Job: "Driving around the rink and seeing the kids giving you the thumbs up and cheering for you."

Worst Part of the Job: "Plugged toilets."

history at Sir Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., and planned to become a teacher. But after graduation his father became ill and needed help with his mechanic business.

At the time, Alex MacNeil was one of the few people who could fix ice resurfacers. So father and son kept busy visiting arenas in southern Ontario and the northern U.S. MacNeil wasn't the greatest apprentice mechanic, but he loved arenas.

"There's a certain aura about it. The cold, the smell of the popcorn and the hot dogs. If you want to meet a lot of happy people just having fun, just go to an ice rink," he says.

After five years of helping his dad, MacNeil got a job driving an ice resurfacer in a nearby township. He started taking courses to get certified, and three years later, he started driving for the Brantford and District Civic Centre.

Every hour, MacNeil — or one of the other three drivers at the arena — drives the Zamboni onto the ice. He guides the machine through its job of shaving a layer of ice away and spraying a coating of water over the surface, which refreezes smoothly and cleanly. He frequently measures the thickness of the ice and uses slush to do serious repairs.

The other 50 minutes of every hour he's on the clock, MacNeil helps run the arena by checking on the refrigeration system, tidying up and doing odd jobs.

Although the kids at the rink today have no memory of the Iceman, they often ask for his autograph.

"There's something so unique and cool and fun about watching this machine take all that snow that the players have made and in 10 minutes restore the ice to what it was. It's such a fun thing to watch."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Female financial five-some The Smart Cookies who appear on their own eponymous show on W Network and write a regular column in Metro have broadened their publishing portfolio with a new guide for maximizing your income. Joined by Newsweek editor Jennifer Barrett, the group covers a variety of topics in the social spending and financial planning realms. The Smart Cookies open with actually beginning to speak about money and shift to envisioning and creating your desired lifestyle. The group continues to delve into controlled spending, proper investment practices and understanding property value. Conversational but correct, The Smart Cookies' guide lives up to their savvy and sweet name.

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BookPicks

Reading by Lightning

Author: Joan Thomas
Publisher: Goose Lane Editions
Price: \$22.95 (Paperback)

Long-time Globe and Mail book critic Joan Thomas turns the tables by releasing her first fictional work, Reading by Lightning. National Magazine Award winning Thomas introduces the maturative first-person narrative that follows Lily Piper. She's the Prairie-born daughter of devoutly religious parents whom she can't help but deviate from. Her variance only increases when she moves to England to care for her grandmother shortly before the Second World War breaks out. Despite uncertainty about her own future, Lily struggles to grow into her own skin and beat a path into adulthood.

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DeGrassi rings bell

Class of younger students injects new life into series

As DeGrassi: The Next Generation rolls into its eighth season, it's introducing, well, a next generation.

A fresh new class of brainy Grade 9 overachievers is among the changes coming this season (which premiered last night on CTV) on a series that continues to chronicle teen angst and channel it out to millions of acne-obsessed fans around the globe.

With seven seasons in the can, long-time executive producer Linda Schuyler said the show's creative team "decided to stir up the school right from its very heart."

"It's almost like seven years is a generation. One of the things we were thinking about as we went out to plan our Season 8 was to bring new life into the school," she said.

"I don't think there's been a year since the first season that we were so committed to such a big influx of younger students. We've introduced one or two here or there, but this is a big influx of students and we were very committed to having a strong presence of the ninth graders," Schuyler said of the decision to bring in nine new faces. The eighth season



Dalmar Abuzeid as Danny and Nina Dobrev as Mia in a scene from DeGrassi: The Next Generation.

will also follow the tribulations of dorm life for three veteran cast members who've graduated to Smithdale College.

Another big change is the replacement of level-headed principal Mrs. Hatzilakos with a new guy, The Shep, a brash, football-loving jock whose disdain for scholarly pursuits will put him at odds with the existing administration.

Producers are also work-

ing on a story arc that takes some of the cast members to Hollywood, where they'll hook up with two long-time DeGrassi fanatics, director/actor Kevin Smith and sidekick Jason Mewes (who've previously appeared on the series).

Much of the advance work on the Hollywood segments has already been shot at various locations around Toronto, said Ste-

fan Brogren, who starred in the original series and has since returned as a regular, teacher Mr. Simpson.

"We doubled Toronto for Hollywood for a lot of it. It's amazing what a couple of palm trees can do," said Brogren. But it still means a four-day "guerrilla" shoot in Los Angeles to capture images of those places that are "so iconically Hollywood," he said.

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Book clubs blend love of reading with socializing

BY RAF BRUSILOV for Metro Canada

Reading may be a private experience but sharing its joys doesn't have to be.

Book clubs can be a great way to combine a love for books with a fun social setting that lets you celebrate great books by probing their depths with like-minded people.

Lisa Huie, spokesperson for Indigo Books & Music Inc., says book clubs have evolved into full-fledged intellectual escapes shared by adults with a love of reading, a far cry from the after-school homework crowd.

"They've become a really great social activity that connects people with common interests," Huie said.

The growth in popularity of book clubs in recent years certainly owes a debt to daytime host and book-lover Oprah Winfrey, who almost single-handedly resurrected the practice with her book club segment.

A new survey by Indigo shows fall is the biggest reading season as the colder weather starts to push people and their activity plans indoors. The survey also found an average book club has eight members and reads roughly eight books per year. If you plan to start

your own book club, Huie suggests planning ahead but keeping it mostly casual. Other tips:

- Make sure your book list is selected democratically — allow every member to choose at least one book for the club to read.
- Aim for ambience and comfort: scented candles, comfortable seating and plenty of tea will go a long way to keep members happy and relaxed.
- Offer munchies — themed, if possible. How about a buffet of healthy, savoury treats for a session on Michael Pollan's eating manifesto In Defense of Food?

weekend box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning Oct. 3, according to studio estimates:

- 1 **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** \$29 million US
- 2 **Eagle Eye:** \$17.7 million
- 3 **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist:** \$12 million
- 4 **Nights in Rodanthe:** \$7.4 million
- 5 **Appaloosa:** \$5 million
- 6 **Lakeview Terrace:** \$4.5 million
- 7 **Burn After Reading:** \$4.1 million
- 8 **Fireproof:** \$4.1 million
- 9 **An American Carol:** \$3.8 million
- 10 **Religulous:** \$3.5 million REUTERS

Karen and Jack are back

Former Will and Grace co-stars Megan Mullally and Sean Hayes are set to star in a spinoff of the hit comedy. The pair will reprise their roles in Karen and Jack, which is in development at NBC. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



TV debates face off

ARGUING FOR DOLLARS: Scheduling the English leaders' debate the same night that the U.S. vice-presidential candidates faced off might have been a dumb move, but it was a typically Canadian one, kind of like putting an Air Farce special up against the season finale of *Lost*, complaining that there was, of course, never a chance in hell of comparable ratings, and even taking perverse pride in the humiliation as a Canadian identity-building exercise.

You had to admire the Pollyannaish pluck of Steve Paikin, moderator of the Canadian debate, just before the credits began rolling, when he blurted out that "This was way better than Biden and Palin, I'm sure of it!" The funny thing was that he was kind of right.

The formats couldn't have been more different — a stately stand-up at dueling podiums that allowed candidates to state and re-state their positions and respond at length versus a roundtable pile-on that resembled the family dinner you're still trying to forget more than any coherent discussion.

Anyone who still cherishes the self-serving but deluded myth that Canadians are more civil than our American neighbours — which is to say anyone who's never witnessed the medieval bear-baiting that is Question Period on Parliament Hill — should have had that definitively debunked after Thursday night.

Every candidate seemed to have gone in with some folksy catchphrase or gotcha punchline loaded and chambered: "You panicked!" "I call that the ultimate bridge to nowhere." "Laissez-faire, I don't care." "Joe Six-Pack, hockey moms." "I want my Canada back!" "Say it ain't so, Joel!"

It was like they were competing to write gags for the inevitable Saturday Night Live or Rick Mercer parody to come, though the fact that SNL had their

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"Every candidate seemed to have gone in with some folksy catchphrase or gotcha punchline loaded and chambered."

ready to air two days later is probably an endorsement of private versus publicly-funded broadcasting.

Bloc Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe had no real reason to be there except protocol, but his stinging observation that at least he wasn't under any illusion that he'd be prime minister one day — unlike the other three candidates not named Harper — was a welcome shaft of clarity and light through a fog of

rhetoric and slap-fighting. Sarah Palin might not have deprived Tina Fey of any material to work with, but she blew past any idea that she's a lightweight on the campaign trail, and Joe Biden probably regretted his apparent decision not to risk coming off as a bully.

By the end, though, I'd gotten bored with the U.S. debates as the candidates started to sound like tired fighters swinging blindly at each other, while the Canadian debates remained gripping — if horrifying — theatre right till the end.

The fact that I was able to watch both — viewing one live and TiVoing the other for later, with pauses to replay, write notes and hit the john — instead of making a hard choice between the two did, however, make me long for the pre-VHS, 8-channel dawn-of-cable world of the '70s, a near-luddite nostalgia for which I was completely unprepared.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Complaining: A salve for sore times

I'm a great believer in inspirational sayings. Little phrases that sum up what life's truly about and the attitude you want to bring to it. Like, "When life gives you lemons, break out the gin and tonic." Or "I'm worth it. At least once it goes on sale."

Until recently, I've lived life by one deeply truthful saying. "That which does not kill me, makes me whinier."

But now, I've seen the light. And it's purple.

I was flipping television channels on the kind of night when you realize that if you're watching Yugoslavian women's volleyball finals it means you're just too tired to go to bed. I came across one of those southern Baptist evangelical preaching shows. I love those shows. The world seems a simpler place when you take out all those confusing issues like choice and thinking.

Anyway, this minister was promoting a new purple bracelet campaign. He explained that what's wrong with the world isn't poverty, violence, injustice or not being able to take a deep breath twenty years

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"Until recently, I've lived life by one deeply truthful saying. 'That which does not kill me, makes me whinier.'"

from now.

Apparently, what's wrong is that we all complain too much.

Complaints are bad. They are "peace harmers." You see, this is where this program is helpful because previously I thought they were opinions.

So, what we do is order one of these purple plastic bracelets, which I did, and every time we complain we move the bracelet from one wrist to the other.

This is supposed to train us not to complain any

more, which sounds easy but it's actually really hard. You see? That was complaining. I have to move my bracelet.

A woman on the TV program said that she managed not to complain for a month. Unfortunately, her husband told her she was no fun. It didn't say if she was fun before that. Some people aren't. Wait. Is that complaining? I have to move the bracelet. But maybe it's just telling the truth. I should move it back. This is complicated. Shoot. I have to move it again.

This is making me nuts. Shoot. Other wrist. And, isn't complaining sometimes "peace enhancing"? Letting off steam is all that gets us through some of life's trickiest situations, like driving in traffic or attending family gatherings. At least without police intervention.

I'm moving the bracelet. To the trash bin. But it's amazing how well that thing worked. I feel more peaceful already.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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critics'corner

CSI: Miami

So much for doctor-patient confidentiality. When the daughter of Delko's (Adam Rodriguez) therapist is murdered, Horatio (David Caruso) and the rest of the CSI team must find the killer before Delko's darkest secrets are exposed in the new episode "How Does That Make You Kill?" Frankly, we'd rather hear about Horatio's secrets. 8 PM on CFRN



Chuck

In this new episode, Emmy winner John Larroquette guest stars as legendary debonair spy Roan Montgomery and Melinda Clarke guest stars as a sultry but dangerous spy called the Black Widow. Chuck (Zachary Levi) must learn the art of seduction from Montgomery so he can retrieve the Cipher from the Black Widow. Unfortunately, Montgomery isn't what he used to be. 9 PM on CKEM

In brief

STRIKE A strike in India's Bollywood film and TV industry is over after executives agreed to implement better pay and working conditions.

AWARDS Actors Don Cheadle and Tilda Swinton, and filmmaker Stephen Frears will be honoured by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts/Los Angeles (BAFTA) at a ceremony in Hollywood in November.

Celebrity Buzz

Miller getting over her fears

CELEBRITY Sienna Miller has conquered her phobia of watching herself on screen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I used to be a lot more uncomfortable with watching myself on screen," the actress says. "You just have to relate it to when you hear your voice back on a tape machine and go, 'Oh God!' Multiply that by about 10,000 when you're watching yourself on a big screen. Now I try and be a lot more objective. There are certain



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bits that you look at and go, 'Eugh!' but I think it's almost more narcissistic to be like that. I'm trying to see it as a collaborative piece of work."

Miller also said she has no intention of slowing down, and intends to star in as many movies as possible.

"So everything is busy at the moment, and fortunately I seem to have limitless amounts of energy," she says. "I don't know how I do it, but I can just keep going."

Pink's dating drought

DATING Pink "never" goes on dates, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer, who

separated from husband Carey Hart earlier this



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year, prefers to meet men in less pressurized situations.

"I meet boys all over the place. It's just that I don't ever go on dates. I have never been on a date. I don't believe in that, it has to be organic. A barbecue, a show or whatever. I have never met anybody in a bar," she says.

However, Pink also revealed she has a number of friends who are attempting to persuade her to start dating. "Lately I have been hearing from a lot of people, like married couples, who have met in a bar," she says. "I'm always amazed. So maybe that is where I am going wrong."

Dunst dishes on life

CELEBRITY For former child star Kirsten Dunst, life hasn't always been easy — but rehab has helped, People.com reports.

"Everybody in life goes through obstacles in different times of their life, and this year was my difficult time," the actress said. "It's part of life and it's just called growing up."

Dunst, 26, checked into Utah's Cirque Lodge Treatment Center last February for depression and said she has gained perspective.

"What I have learned is if you make it out of this business and realize the whole bigger picture of it all, you are in a good spot," says Dunst. "It's just seeing what is important and the bigger things in life."

Keeping a balance between her private life and

living in front of the cameras is something she strives for.

"It's not healthy to live that kind of life," she says. "I don't live in the spotlight and I don't live my life in front of the paparazzi. I live very comfortably and quietly as possible."



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Baron Cohen strikes again

FILM Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen was ejected from a catwalk show during Paris Fashion Week in France on Friday, after climbing on stage and attempting to slip a note to the models, imdb.com reports.

Cohen is filming scenes for his new movie *Bruno: Delicious Journeys Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males*.

Visibly uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner in a Mesh T-Shirt.



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Dressed as his camp alter-ego Bruno, he attempted to carry out his latest stunt at the Jc De Castebac show — scenes which are suspected to feature in his forthcoming comedy.

But he suffered a setback when the models and audience ignored his presence and continued despite the disturbance. Staff promptly ejected Cohen, in what is his fourth attempt to disrupt a fashion show.

Dressed as Bruno, Cohen twice crashed shows at Madrid Fashion Week in Spain and was also thrown out of a show in Milan, Italy last week after storming the runway and strutting along the catwalk — prompting organizers to call the police.

celebrity briefs

McConaughey's new clothing line

FASHION Actor Matthew McConaughey has just launched a brand-new online store for his clothing line j.k. livin, People.com reports. The name takes its inspiration from McConaughey's 1993 film *Dazed and Confused*, while his father is the man stenciled into the line's logo. Jklivinstore.com has apparel for men and women, including sweat-shirts and T-shirts, as well as accessories, infant onesies and even frisbees and wristbands. In the next few weeks, expect to see more T-shirt designs and sweatbands with music downloads, gift cards, foundation donations and more to roll out in the future.



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Hurley a country gal at heart

LIFESTYLE Elizabeth Hurley has gone country, People.com reports.

Inspired by her life with husband Arun Nayar and son Damian, 6, on their bio-dynamic farm in the English countryside, the actress-model, 43, tells People, she is "developing a line of products ... with a view that they're not only going to be healthy, because they're organic, but I'm obsessed that women find alternatives to eat which are low in fat."

She says her organic farm produces low-fat products, which may help reduce the risk of breast cancer.



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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

One of the more inspiring ongoing sagas of modern times is the valiant struggle of ex-Spice Girl **Geri Halliwell** to remain somewhat relevant.

The latest news finds the utterly talent-deprived gorgon in the news for, uh, maybe wanting to have a baby with her kind of boyfriend who's also a good dancer.

OK, Geri, I get that you think this "Flipz" guy will make a great parent because he "bonds" so well with the unfortunately named child you already had with old Whathisnamewhocares, but maybe you and the Flipster should start with something that isn't a living, breathing, human being as a token of how much you sort of dig each other.

Like, say, buttock tattoos of one other's names rendered in Chinese characters.

Or perhaps his 'n hers "I'm With Stupid" t-shirts.

What's that you say? Tattoos and t-shirts aren't quite the "icing on the cake" that a baby is?

Well, you've got me there, but I tend to think you'd be better off actually being physically ground into a granular paste, spread on a bunt cake, and eaten by **Hannibal Lecter**, than being the child of any parent egocentric enough to speak of you as icing on her cake.

Especially if her name is Geri and she makes you listen to her old albums.

I'm fairly certain that the words, "Your honour, Geri Halliwell is my mother," would go a long way toward absolving you of any criminal responsibility for crimes you may commit in life, even if they were to involve an automatic weapon and a bell tower.

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celebrity briefs

Bundchen supporting her family

FAMILY Supermodel Gisele Bündchen sends as much as \$10 million US back to her family in Brazil, imdb.com reports.

The runway queen was recently named the richest model in the world, by Forbes magazine, whose editors estimated she has an annual income of \$35 million. Friends tell Star magazine,

she sends more than a third of that back to her native country for her parents, Vania and Valdir, and her five sisters — to buy them homes and pay for their vacations. "She supports her entire family; always has since she was a teenager," a friend says. "She wants her family to have the best."



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Halliwell keen to have a baby

FAMILY Geri Halliwell wants a baby with her dancer boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Spice Girl, who already has two-year-old daughter Bluebell Madonna with scriptwriter Sacha Gervasi, is keen to have a child with Ivan "Flipz" Velez, but is reportedly prepared to be a single mother again if their relationship ends.

"She wants a second child soon and says that if she falls pregnant with

Flipz then it wouldn't be a problem," a source says. "At the moment they are besotted with each other and Flipz is keen on having a child with her."

Halliwell, who began dating Velez after he worked as a backing dancer on the Spice Girls reunion tour, is confident her beau will make a great father because he has bonded so well with Bluebell.

"He wants to be a permanent fixture in her life and

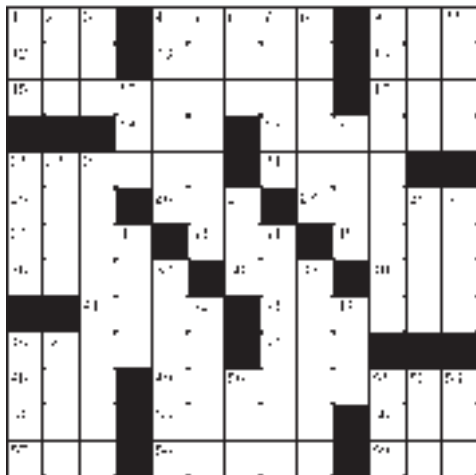
Geri loves the fact he gets on so well with Bluebell," the source added. "She's got a perfect family unit and a baby would be the icing on the cake."

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Take Five



Crossword across

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Fizzle | 25 "Go, team!" | 45 Marionette |
| 4 Senior moments? | 26 Roman X | 47 Movie-cataloguing org. |
| 9 Earl Grey, e.g. | 28 Impersonate | 48 Rd. |
| 12 Swiss canton | 31 Occupant of a pink nursery | 49 Poker player's bluff |
| 13 Pass the baton | 33 Pooch | 54 Meadow |
| 14 Peruke | 35 Carthaginian queen | 55 Golfer Palmer, to fans |
| 15 Stand-up comic's repertoire | 36 Slumber | 56 Schuss |
| 17 Raw rock | 38 Vacillate | 57 Consume |
| 18 Peron or Gabor | 40 "Smoking or —?" | 58 Frankfurter side dish |
| 19 Puts into words | 41 Dumbo's "wings" | 59 Storm center |
| 21 Honour | 43 Ungracefully tall and thin | |
| 24 Half (Pref.) | | |

Crossword down

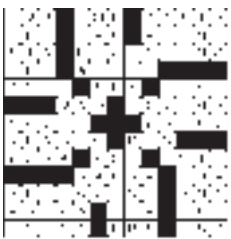
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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Pair | 29 Pedestal occupant |
| 2 Samovar | 30 Rabbit |
| 3 Conk out | 32 Bound |
| 4 Hedge shrub | 34 First man in space |
| 5 Changed the title | 37 Quick-to-build house |
| 6 Bullring bravo | 39 Blunders |
| 7 Swampy area | 42 Mall unit |
| 8 Method | 44 Zero |
| 9 Being unfaithful to | 45 Ashen |
| 10 Leprechauns' land | 46 Layer of 59-Across |
| 11 Quite some time | 50 Italian article |
| 16 Sheltered side | 51 Work with |
| 20 Surrounded by | 52 Firmament |
| 21 Work units | 53 Waste no time |
| 22 Take to the lake | |
| 23 Win after win after win | |
| 27 Present | |

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	4		1	3	2		9	
3								8
		2				6		
9	8		2		7		6	1
				4				
4	5		9		8		3	2
		1				9		
5								6
	6		8	7	5		1	

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3	1	2	4	5	8	9	7	6
6	7	4	3	2	9	8	5	1
8	5	9	1	7	6	4	2	3
1	6	8	2	4	5	7	3	9
5	2	7	9	6	3	1	8	4
9	4	3	7	8	1	2	6	5
2	3	5	8	9	4	6	1	7
7	9	1	6	3	2	5	4	8
4	8	6	5	1	7	3	9	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Under 13 min | Genius | 17-21 min | Smart |
| 13-17 min | Scholar | 21-25 min | Not bad |
| | | 25+ min | Keep practising |

Recipe of the day



Lamb burgers with fruit relish

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) lean ground lamb
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh whole-wheat bread crumbs
- Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
- 2 tsp (10 mL) fresh thyme leaves or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried thyme
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 tsp (10 mL) olive oil
- 4 whole-wheat English muffins
- Salt and pepper
- Shredded lettuce to garnish

RELISH:

- 1 orange
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh or thawed frozen raspberries
- 2 tsp (10 mL) sugar

METHOD:

- Preheat barbecue or oven broiler. Put lamb into large bowl. Add carrot, onion, bread crumbs, nutmeg and thyme, and season with salt and pepper. Mix well. Add egg and mix ingredients with your hands.

- Divide mixture into 4 patties. Brush both sides of burgers with oil, then cook for 4 to 5 minutes per side.
- For relish, cut peel and pith from orange with a sharp knife, and holding it over a bowl to catch juice, cut between membranes to release segments. Roughly chop segments and add them to juice. Add raspberries and sugar, lightly crushing fruit with fork to mix.
- Split English muffins and toast lightly. Put a lamb burger on each muffin, add lettuce to garnish and a spoonful of relish. Serve with remaining relish.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A persistent suitor rises above difficulties. Disturbing news arrives about misfortune. A daring adventure will be suggested.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Stay at home and have second thoughts. The best policy is to count your blessings and let sleeping dogs lie. An older woman will remind you of a promise.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Manage your talents well to contribute to your future. Crazy-making regulations must be changed. Strong friends are best for what ails you.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



A fantasy comes true in a love affair. Turn the other cheek when something said in secret gets back to you. Sympathy will lead to a long chat.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Think twice before leaping into the unknown. You'll be vindicated by someone who cares. Don't expect to be told what to do.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Meeting a tense friend changes your attitude. Lucid objections will be raised. Accept an offer that bails you out of a bad situation.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you start a commotion, good ideas will flow. Speak carefully when confronted by a quirky person. Change a relationship with a bad guy.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Negative thoughts will inhibit actions. Don't deny past adventures due to fear. Thoughtfulness will touch your heart.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A frantic guy will become comical. An explanation for poor conduct will be found. A loser is looking for love.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Give something away to have a happy time. This is the perfect day to heal old wounds. Merriment will cause your concentration to falter.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Time will tell if the truth has been told. Face your fear to let go of your inhibitions. People will come forward with practical help.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



You'll run into a past love. Secret messages will be received. Common sense is a good alternative to being anxious.

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This day in history

- OCT. 6, 1582: Due to the implementation of the Gregorian calendar, this day is skipped in Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain.
- OCT. 6, 1600: Jacopo Peri's Euridice, the earliest surviving opera, premieres in Florence, signifying the beginning of the Baroque Period.
- OCT. 6, 1683: William Penn brings 13 German immigrant families to the colony of Pennsylvania, marking the first German people to immigrate to America.
- OCT. 6, 1908: Austria annexes Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- OCT. 6, 1966: LSD is declared illegal in the United States.
- OCT. 6, 2000: Yugoslav president Slobodan Milošević resigns.

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